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THE FOLLOWING SENT USDOC WASHDC DEC 6 IS REPEATED

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BBAK, UK

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO WTDR - BRITISH LEYLAND MOTOR  
CORPORATION LTD.

REF: USDOC 16002 & LONDON 15911

1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED:

2. IT WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS ON DECEMBER 6, 1974  
THAT SUBJECT COMPANY IS DISCUSSING WITH THE UK GOVERNMENT  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. NEITHER THE  
COMPANY NOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE ANY OFFICIAL  
COMMENT UNTIL A STATEMENT ON THE MATTER HAD BEEN MADE IN  
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. SOME REPORTS MENTION A FIGURE OF  
UP TO 70 MILLION POUNDS WILL BE NEEDED TO COUNTER THE  
EFFECTS OF INFLATION. COMPANY HAS AS YET NOT ANNOUNCED  
ANY REDUNDANCY PLANS BUT HAS ALLOWED ITS TOTAL LABOR  
FORCE TO RUN DOWN BY SOME 10,000 JOBS BY NOT REPLACING  
PEOPLE WHO LEAVE.

3. COMMENT: THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY  
HELPED OTHER LARGE UK MANUFACTURERS THAT RAN INTO  
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND IT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY  
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THAT ASSISTANCE, IF NEEDED, WOULD BE DENIED TO A

COMPANY OF SUCH NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN A STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN PARLIAMENT.

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